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United States History & Government

THEMATIC ESSAY

Directions: Write a well-organized essay that includes a thesis statement, an introductory paragraph, several body paragraphs as explained in the task, and a conclusion.

Theme: Sectionalism

Sectionalism became a national crisis in the 1820's that divided the nation into conflicting regions.

Task:

- Define sectionalism
- Describe two reasons for sectionalism
- Discuss two specific examples of how sectionalism led to representation problems in Congress.
- Discuss how two specific compromises have been used to hold the nation together.

Suggestions: You may discuss any example of pre-civil war sectionalism. Some examples of reasons for sectionalism you might want to discuss are industry v. agriculture, protective tariffs, slavery, the adding of new states. Compromises you might want to discuss are the 3/5 Compromise, Missouri Compromise, and the Compromise of 1850.